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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION - Appointment of Departmental Man in Co-operative Institutions Salaries, allowances etc., - Information [illegible].

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS.

*288 Q.--SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state---

(a) how many Deputy Registrars, Sub--Deputy Registrars and Inspectors are appointed as administrative heads of Co-operative institutions:

(b) how much money is recovered from co-operative institutions towards the salaries and allowances of these officers; and

(c) what action the Government have taken on the resolutions of the Fifth Provincial Conference of the Non-Official Co-operative Employees about---

(1) entrusting the function of audit to non-official co-operative agencies;

(2) withdrawal of departmental men now working in co-operative institutions and replacing them by efficient non-official co-operative employees;

(3) creation of District and Provincial Co-operative Councils elected by members of Co-operative Societies;

(4) installation of joint boards of employers and employees in each district and in the Province; and

(5) payment of Government grants to the District and Provincial Co-operative Councils to ensure payment of adequate scales of salary and allowance to Non-official Co-operative employees?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--"(a) 7 Deputy Registrars, 50 Co-operative Sub-Registrars, 88 Senior Inspector and 20 Junior Inspectors have been sanctioned for appointment to be in administrative charge of Co-operative Instituions.

"(b) Out of the staff mentioned in clause (a) the services of 1 Deputy Registrar, 7 Co-operative Sub-Registrars, 13 Senior Inspectors and 13 Junior Inspectors have been lent free of cost and no recoveries are made on account of them. 50 per cent of the cost is recovered in respect of 1 Co-operative Sub Registrar and 5 Senior Inspectors and 25 per cent of the cost in respect of 1 Junior Inspector. The entire cost on account of the salaries, allowance, etc., of the remaining staff is recovered from the Co-operative Institutions concerned. The total amount recovered comes to Rs.1,29,060 (one lakh twenty-nine thousand sixty only).

"(c)(1) The Government have examined this suggestion in connection with a similar resolution passed by the previous conference of the Non-Official Co-operative Employees. Audit of Co-operative Societies is one of the statutory functions of the Registrar. The Government consider that it would be a retrograde step to transfer these functions wholesale to non-Official Co-operative Agencies. In the case of big Co-operative Institutions the Registrar permits audit being done by approved Registered Auditors.

(2) Departmental men are being lent to Co-operative Institutions only at the specific request of these institutions. The Government would only be too glad if the institution choose to appoint their own men and releaee the departmental men as the Government are badly

(3) The Government do not accept the proposal. There is already a Provincial Co-operative Advisory Council which has as members non-official gentlemen interested in the movement.

(4) This suggestion was considered by a Sub-Committee of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union and by the Provincial Co-operative Advisory Council. Both of them recommended that no such boards are necessary. The Government have accepted this recommendation.

(5) The Government cannot be expected to subsidise Co-operative Institutions from public funds for paying salaries to their employees."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:--"May I know, Sir, what is the expenditure on the co-operative staff lent to the various co-operative institutions? Only the amount of recoveries has been given as Rs. 1,29,060?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--" If the Hon. Member wants the total expenditure and other details, he may put a separate question."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:--" May I know whether the notice of the Government has not been drawn to the feeling that if the Government co-operative officers are employed to manage co-operative organizations, the auditing staff will naturally feel embarrassed to make remarks against them and if so, do not the Government think that it would be desirable in the interests of co-operation to leave the audit to others than the Government co-operative staff?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--"With regard to audit, the Government are considering that it should be separated from the Co-operative Department itself and placed on an independent basis."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:--"May I know why the Government is incurring such huge expenditure by lending these Co-operative officers and recovering only 50 per cent and 25 per cent from the societies? May I know what are the reasons which make the Government to incur so much loss year after year?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--"Generally the services of these officers are lent to these co-operative institutions, when they make a special request saying that their financial position is not on a proper basis to meet the entire cost of the staff lent. Otherwise the Government is not at all willing to thrust these officers upon these institutions. In some cases the salaries of these officers are fully borne by the Government, and in certain other cases only 50 per cent is borne, and in certain others 25 per cent. All these concessions have been given to these societies in the interests of co-operation."

SRI K.A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:--"May I know whether it is not a fact that these co-operative institutions themselves have been asking for these administrative officers?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--"That is exactly what I have stated, Sir."

SRI V.M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:-- "Arising out of the answer to clauses (c), (3) and (4), may I ask whether representations were made by the Provincial Co-operative Union that the non-official elements in the Provincial Advisory Council were not enough and that some more non-official members should be added to the existing members?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:--"There were certain representations made even in a conference which I have attended. Certain gentlemen wanted that the non-official members should be increased. The matter is under consideration and I can assure the Hon.Member that the number will be increased in the Provincial Advisory Council".

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The Legislative Assembly question and the printed proceedings at pages 23-24 c.f. may be perused. No further action seems called for on these papers. The papers may be recorded after perusal.

(with reference to A on page 24 c.f. orders enlarging the Madras Provincial Co-operative Advisory Council are under issue. The number of non-official members has been increased by two).

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